

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY
COMPANY as Administrator for
RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

DORMITORY AUTHORITY - STATE OF
NEW YORK, TDY CONSTRUCTION
CORP. and KOHN PEDERSEN FOX
ASSOCIATES, P.C.,

Defendants.

DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK and TDY
CONSTRUCTION CORP.,

Third Party Plaintiffs,

v.

TRATAROS CONSTRUCTION, INC.,

Third Party Defendant.

TRATAROS CONSTRUCTION, INC. and
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY
COMPANY,

Fourth Party Plaintiffs,

v.

CAROLINA CASUALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY, et al.,

Fourth Party Defendants.

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EFC CASE

**ANSWER OF CERMAK, PETERKA
PETERSEN, INC. TO CROSS-CLAIMS
OF CASTRO-BLANCO PISCIONERI
AND ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS, P.C.
AND ARQUITECTONICA
NEW YORK, P.C.**

KOHN PEDERSON FOX ASSOCIATES,
P.C.,

Third Party Plaintiff,

v.

WEIDLINGER ASSOCIATES
CONSULTING ENGINEERS, P.C.,
CASTRO-BLANCO PISCIONERI AND
ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS, P.C.,
ARQUITECTONICA NEW YORK, P.C.,
COSENTINI ASSOCIATES, INC.,
CERMAK, PETERKA PETERSEN, INC.,
JORDAN PANEL SYSTEMS CORP.,
TRATAROS CONSTRUCTION, INC. and
LBL SKYSYSTEMS (U.S.A.), INC.,

Third Party Defendants.

Third Party Defendant, Cermak, Peterka Petersen, Inc. ("CPP"), through its attorneys, Connell Foley LLP, answers the Cross-Claims filed by Castro-Blanco Piscioneri and Associates, Architects, P.C. ("Castro-Blanco") and Arquitectonica New York, P.C. ("Arquitectonica") as follows:

**ANSWER TO CROSS-CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTION/INDEMNIFICATION
AGAINST CERMAK, PETERKA PETERSEN, INC.**

1. CPP denies the truth of each and every allegation contained within paragraphs "46" and "47" of the Cross-Claim of Castro-Blanco and Arquitectonica.

**ANSWER TO CROSS-CLAIM FOR CONTRACTUAL INDEMNIFICATION AGAINST
CERMAK, PETERKA PETERSEN, INC.**

2. CPP denies the truth of each and every allegation contained within paragraphs “48” and “49” of the Cross-Claim of Castro-Blanco and Arquitectonica.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. The Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over this controversy.
2. The Cross-Claims fail to state a cause of action against CPP upon which relief may be granted.
3. The Cross-Claims against CPP is barred by waiver, payment and release.
4. Castro-Blanco and Arquitectonica are estopped from bringing the Cross-Claims against CPP.
5. Whatever damagers Castro-Blanco and/or Arquitectonica may have sustained as alleged in the Cross-Claims against CPP, all of which are denied by CPP, were caused in whole or in part by the culpable conduct of Castro-Blanco, Arquitectonica and/or others for whose acts, omissions and/or conduct Castro-Blanco and/or Arquitectonica are responsible. The amount of damages recovered, if any, shall therefore be diminished in the proportion which the culpable conduct attributable to CPP bears to the culpable conduct which caused these alleged damages.
6. The damages alleged in the Cross-Claims against CPP were caused by the culpable conduct of some third person or persons over whom CPP neither had nor exercised control.
7. The claims alleged in the Cross-Claims against CPP are barred by the doctrines of waiver and/or laches.

8. Castro-Blanco and Arquitectonica's Cross-Claim for contribution is barred since the damages alleged are for economic loss.

9. Castro-Blanco and Arquitectonica's Cross-Claims for indemnification must be dismissed because CPP is being sued for its active wrongdoing.

10. Castro-Blanco and Arquitectonica's claim for indemnity fails to state a cause of action because CPP owes no contractual indemnity to either Castro-Blanco or Arquitectonica.

11. CPP incorporates by reference each and every Affirmative Defense set forth in its Answer to the Third-Party Plaintiff's Complaint and realleges same as though fully set forth herein.

12. CPP reserves the right to rely upon any and all additional defenses which may be disclosed during discovery in this action.

WHEREFORE, CPP demands judgment,

- (a) Dismissing the Cross-Claim in its entirety;
- (b) Awarding CPP all attorneys' fees, disbursements and costs incurred in defending this Cross-Claim; and
- (c) Granting such other and further relief as to this Court seems just and proper.

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